

SENATE BILL 1451

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2109, relative to school buses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2109(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead:

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(A) The board shall permit the use of conventional and Class D school buses until they reach two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) miles of recorded travel.

(B) The owner of any school bus shall maintain a log of all maintenance actions and safety inspections performed on a bus from its in-service date and this log shall be available at all times to the commissioner of safety or the commissioner's designee.

(C) The commissioner shall make or have made no less than one (1) inspection annually of each school bus that transports school children, in order to determine whether it can be used safely to protect properly the lives of school children. At these inspections, the inspector shall have the authority to require repairs or reconditioning to be made that the inspector considers necessary for the continued safe use and operation of the bus. If the LEA or owner refuses to take the required action or if the inspector considers continued use of the bus to be unsafe regardless of the number of recorded travel, the inspector shall order its removal from service;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2109(b), is further amended by deleting subdivisions (2) and (3) in their entirety and by renumbering subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2109(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.